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Wildfire Use Fire on the Monticello Ranger District

San Juan County, Utah ... Recent lightning storms have ignited three wildfires on the Monticello Ranger District in Southeast Utah. District managers have decided to use these wildfires for resource benefits within the forest boundaries as Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fires. The Jones, Wild Goose and Rose fires are all located along East Point. Other lightning fires may be added based on similar fire conditions. Please continue to report new wildfires to the Moab Interagency Fire Center at (435) 259-1850.

The incidents are being managed for ecosystem benefits in areas where fire suppression has disrupted the historical fire regime. Allowing fire back into the ecosystem creates mosaic vegetative patterns that enhance plant and wildlife diversity such as: germination of seeds, reduction of dead and diseased trees, increase of grass and forbs, and improving general forest health.

Local fire managers say the current conditions are ideal for using fire as a method of resource management. Fire behavior has ideally been low to moderate due to higher humidity levels and cooler temperatures at night.

For additional Utah wildfire information go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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